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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Date: January 24, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**ESTROGEN RECEPTOR BETA VARIANTS AND METHODS OF DETECTION THEREOF**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- An abstract together with  
**67** pages of specification and **3** claim pages including  
**17** numbered claims and also attached is/are  
**94** sheets of accompanying drawings.  
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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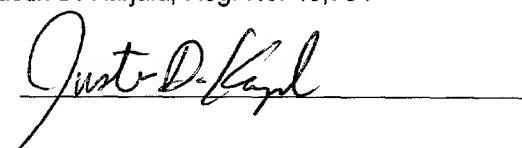
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- Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.  
 This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .  
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 Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.  
 Also attached. Sequence Listing Diskette

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